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The straining of Mr. Hughes' vocal organs will give the Democrats encouragement.

Wilson is already beaten, all there is to it now is serving the official notice on November 7th.

The price of cigars is going up too. This will make the cost of political campaigning higher, thanks to Wilson.

Ten private banks in Chicago have closed their doors within the past month. More Democratic prosperity, what?

While the Allied powers have won no decisive victories in their late drives it looks very much like Germany was slipping.

The cost of the daily leaf is going up. Getting bread for the bakers nowadays requires greater effort than ever before, thanks to Woodrow Wilson.

The Democratic state platform approves every act of the Major administration and thus commits the party to something it would prefer to keep dark.

The Democratic papers are bringing about Wilson's trial commission. Looks very much like bankers' workers regarding the clothes he has stolen.

The Democratic party managers are regarding that the war big pocket "prosperity" we should buy said—will hold out until after November.

The New York primaries last week gave another strong showing how the political wind is blowing. The Republican vote is 8 to 2 as compared with the Democratic vote.

Down in Ky they don't think much of Woodrow Wilson as the exemplification of leadership. In fact the whole thing has gone off by our means on orders from the City National Bank of New York. Let's see, is that the Morgan or the Rockefellers bank? But no matter, Washington follows orders from it.

European governments have spent hundreds upon billions in the last two years in war, all of which represents loss. Our government conveniently devotes the sum of one billion dollars to building armaments, of which would be paid, and the people would not feel the cost. A billion dollars would give every state in the union good roads.

Secretary of Commerce Wm C. Redfield says that the present high cost of living in this country is due to the war in Europe, but this will not interfere with the Democratic claim that Wilson put up the price of everything the producer has to sell. Honest, if they succeed in increasing that home down the people, the country will get something better than four years more of Wilson.

What is Secretary of State Con Ranch up to anyway? Looks like he is out to take revenge for his defeat for the Democratic nomination for Governor. By refusing to allow the prohibition amendment to go on the constitutional ballot in November he has either gone over to the brewers because he hates prohibition or he is taking a rap at the dry element of his party. Nor is that all. He is also considering the rejection of Gardner's land bank bill from the ballot, which would make it appear that he has a rod in pickle for Mr. Gardner.

I propose that we shall protect and enforce American rights on land and sea, without fear and unflinchingly, with respect to American lives, American property and American commerce. We have no unstated policies, no secret understandings, no intrigues. We stand four square to the world, representing the United States and its interests, and its interests alone, first, last and all the time.

The above declaration was delivered by Mr. Hughes in his speech at Milwaukee last week, and it expresses our ideal of real

Americanism. Noting that Mr. Wilson has ever said on that subject rings with such spirit, boldness and sincerity, and no one will doubt that Mr. Hughes as President would make his policy of Americanism conform with this utterance.

Fabian Coleman of Old Mines called Saturday to renew his subscription to the Independent. Mr. Coleman expressed himself as well pleased with Democratic prosperity and said that he recently sold a car for \$21, that under Republican administration he sold cars for as good for \$6 per head. There are many others in this country like Mr. Coleman, well pleased with Democratic prosperity—Potosi Independent.

May we assume from the above statement that the editor of the Independent, or any citizen for that matter, is here supporter of Democratic principles, or not, is pleased when he steps into the pachekeshop and finds that he is entitled to pay from thirty to forty cents a pound for his veal dinner or roast? To our mind the abnormally high prices of all food products is a matter to be regarded as a public charity rather than an occasion for felicitation, and since the Democrats claim they are due to Mr. Wilson's policies, Mr. Wilson should be rebuked for imposing such hardships upon the consumer. We invite the editor of the Independent to give us his collections on the size of his next meat bill.

Political Hot Shot.

The report that instructions were given to the band at the Democratic "opening" to begin buying if anybody mentioned state affairs, may or may not be true, but in any event the band had better stick to patriotic sheet music. "Mam" was the word.

The people of the cities of Missouri haven't forgotten the free lunches and the charity meal lines of 1914, following the enactment of the Wilson Underwood tariff. But the practice has continued that exists with the war, we would have them yet.

And when the war is over, we will have them again if we do not in the meantime return the party of protection to full power.

The Democratic city in Missouri is crippled, but the care which Col. Gardner has been in the habit of sending out as a compliment to the party is willing to do for the party to him.

John P. Gordon, the Democratic State Auditor, whose family are candidates this fall for election on the state payroll, says the state treasury is losing money. If this is true, why not take some of those moneys for revenue borrowed for state institutions on the theory that there isn't any money in the treasury. These moneys bear a higher rate of interest than the ordinary farmer pays on his farm loan. If Gordon is right, the administration is incompetent. If he is wrong, he is bankrupt. It is a poor chance for the Democratic between the two contentions.

The Democratic press bureau is trying to stir up John Swanger's many Republican friends against the Republican ticket by setting up a claim that he was robbed of the gubernatorial nomination. The best possible answer to this is the fact that Mr. Swanger is at the Republican headquarters in St. Louis working about sixteen hours a day for the election of the entire Republican ticket.

In the Maine election, the Republican vote gained 35 per cent and the Democratic vote 7 per cent, leaving a net Republican gain of 28 per cent. On the basis of the vote of 1914, if both parties make a precisely similar gain in Missouri in November, the Republican plurality in the state will be 16,836. However, there are elements favorable to the Republican party in Missouri that were wanting in Maine.

The labor of America is rap-

PUBLIC SPEAKING HON. SIMEON D. FESS

Congressman from Ohio will address the voters at Potosi, Monday October 2d

AT COURT HOUSE, 1 P. M.

Congressman Hess is one of the Republican leaders of the House, well informed in public questions and a fine speaker. Hear him.

EVERYBODY INVITED

The Republican gain in this state, by becoming unavoidable under its present regulations, by those who have determined to reduce it to a minimum.

"Our economic prosperity may be lost because the country grows more and more of its profitable streams."

Coming.

It is now said that the farmers of the country are going to move on President Wilson and Congress for an eight hour day, with overtime for extra hours. What is fine when the hired man can drift out into the fields about eight o'clock in the morning and turn in about four or five o'clock in time to put on his dress suit for the evening meal.

H to Any, Why Not to All.

If the Gardner land bank scheme would do Col. Gardner claims it will do, there is still one objection to it that neither Col. Gardner nor any other man can answer. The Gardner scheme makes no provision for the class of people needing state aid most. Nearly half of Missouri's population dwell in cities and towns. It is a well-known fact that the greater part of this non rural group consists of skilled workmen and laborers. Their per capita wealth is low. If any group need state aid, they do. If state financial aid is to be given, namely to any group it ought to be given to this deserving group to aid them in purchasing homes and other necessities of life. Gardner's scheme makes no provision at all for this great mass of Missouri's population. The only place I have seen for such a scheme is in the State of the George Washington Credit of the Chicago Savings Credit. It is evident the boy who gets into trouble, John Swanger goes and says to him, "I am sorry for you, but the law says it is wrong to be dependent on your man's salary."

Home Influence.

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There are half million tax payers in Missouri going to pay taxes on the mortgages on their houses. There are just as many who have little or nothing to live on, but are able to own homes. They are and become rich, doing about their working ambitions people, them. Municipal bond writers Statistics show cities, towns and villages pay over half of the tax under the influence of the major cities. The influence has not recognized the attempt which is improvement does not.

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Wilson's Labor Views.

In June, 1914, Woodrow Wilson in addressing the graduating class of the Princeton University, discussed the labor question in the following language:

"You know what the usual standard of the employee is in our day. It is to give as little as he may for his wages. Labor is standardized by the trades unions, and this is the standard to which it is made to conform. No one is suffered to do more than the average workman can do; in some trades and handicrafts no one is suffered to do more than the least skillful of his fellows can do within the hours allotted to a day's labor, and no one may work out of hours at all or volunteer any thing beyond the minimum."

"I need not point out how economically disastrous such regulations of labor is. It is so unprofitable to the employer that in some trades it will presently not be worth his while to attempt anything at all. He had better stop altogether than operate at an inevitable and invariably loss."

The secretary of state spent in 1911 and 1912 \$66,188.06, while in 1913 and 1914 there was expended \$62,462.21, an increase under Democratic years of \$6,297.15. The fees received by the secretary of state in 1911 and 1912 amounted to \$222,312.00, while in 1913 and 1914 the fees amounted to \$262,297.02. While the expense of conducting the secretary of state's increased \$3,279.85 under Democratic rule, the less decreased \$61,016.88.

REPUBLICAN TICKET.

For President,
CHARLES E. HUGHES.
For Vice President,
CHARLES W. FAIRBANKS.

For Senator in Class 1,
WALTER B. DODGE.

For Governor,
HENRY LAMM.

For Lieutenant Governor,
ROY F. MITTON.

For Secretary of State,
WILLIAM J. ARKIN.

For Auditor,
EDWARD J. KELLY.

For Commissioner of Banks,
L. D. TAYLOR.

For Commissioner of Insurance,
JAMES H. REED.

For Commissioner of Education,
JAMES M. ROSEN.

For Commissioner of State Parks,
EDWARD C. COOPER.

For Commissioner of Game and Fishes,
JOHN R. COOPER.

For Commissioner of Forestry,
WILLIAM C. COOPER.

For Commissioner of Public Works,
WILLIAM C. COOPER.

For Commissioner of Health,
WILLIAM C. COOPER.

For Commissioner of Hospitals,
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For Commissioner of Charities,
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For Commissioner of Corrections,
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For Commissioner of Penitentiaries,
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